

PROPOSAL NO. **S-10**  
(for Commission use)

2005-06 HONOLULU CHARTER COMMISSION  
CHARTER AMENDMENT PROPOSAL FORM

1. Provide a brief description of the purpose of the proposed charter amendment; include a description of the problem the proposal would address and how the proposal would address the problem:

**Note the revisions since previous consideration: Per recommendations from Dept of Information Technology's testimony, language has been changed from "the city website" to "widely accessible electronic medium (e.g., the city website)."**

**This proposal aims to update the charter for the 21<sup>st</sup> century and ensure that the City & County of Honolulu embraces modern technology and open government.**

**This proposal aims to bring the charter up to date with technology and ensure public access to important city information via a widely accessible electronic medium, such as the internet.**

2. If applicable, list the charter provision(s) proposed to be deleted or amended:

**Amend Section 13-106 and add a new section to Article 13.**

3. If the proposal is based on a provision or provisions in the charter or law of another jurisdiction, name the jurisdiction and, if possible, attach a copy of the relevant provision(s).
4. If the proposal is based on any written materials you have, please attach a copy with a citation to its source.
5. Attach the text of the proposed charter amendment in Ramseyer format (see below).

## **ADD A NEW SECTION TO ARTICLE 13:**

### **Section 13-12 . Public Notices via Electronic Medium.**

**Whenever a public notice is required by this charter or by ordinance to be published in a daily newspaper, the public notice shall also be distributed via a widely accessible electronic medium (e.g. the city website) within the same timeframe as the newspaper publication.**

## **AMEND 13-106:**

### **Section 13-106. Public Hearings; Notice --**

1. No public hearing shall be held by any agency or the council, unless public notice is given prior to such hearing.

2. Notice of any public hearing shall be adequately publicized at least ten days prior to such hearing **via a widely accessible electronic medium (e.g. the city website)** **and** in a daily newspaper of general circulation in the city and may be advertised, as deemed helpful, in such other newspapers and through communications media as will afford the public maximum information concerning such hearing. The notice shall include:

- (a) The date, time and place of such hearing.
- (b) A statement in plain language of the nature or purpose, including the issues involved, if any, of such hearing.
- (c) A statement that all interested persons shall be afforded the opportunity of being heard.